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### REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Wednesday, October 05, 2011

Kenya—I have reviewed all the requests for information and I am hoping I have addressed all the points that were not clear in the petitions. It was hard to admit that it was all, my fault. That I held on to the reins to tight and that it was too much for one person. I am now in the process of delegating more responsibility to the Administrative & Executive Assistants as well as backing up with my husband and myself. Making sure that more than one person has the master calendar and at least an annual meeting and reviews are expected and on the calendar as well. Thank you for your time and trouble.—Sharon

*PS: I just realized that your points say that we waited over a year after the death of K. S. Croteau. He passed away on 12/6/10. We discovered the missing master calendar a few months after his death and started with the USPTO in July of 2011. I had to get hospital records, death certs., etc. and filed within 6 months of his death and 3-4 months after finding the calendar. Please check the dates on the original Petitions.*

*All 3  
Included*

*Sharon*



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Infant positioning device	"Preemie Nest"	Appl. No.: 09500736 ✓	Patent No.: 6381787
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Dated: May 7, 2002

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RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

As stated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph *"There has been a series of terrible and overwhelming occurrences that have plagued our very small company from early 2005 to late 2010. I am the CEO of my small company and the responsible party for all. The buck stops here."* I am solely responsible. As much as all in our small office may try to help and to cover me I am the one who looks after and schedules everything. It was not, in the final assessment, Ken's responsibility, it was mine. Ken was hired as COO to get the corporation papers and minutes and filings in place and to set up and maintain a web site for Small Beginnings Inc. It was not his responsibility to track or pay the maintenance fees. I made the master calendar and I was the one who called for a review of that calendar and a review of each of our progress at our business meetings in January of each year and every other month or as needed to keep us all on the same page. I am the company. I invented and got everyone involved in the invention process. I started the company on a shoestring and worked 3 jobs to make it grow. I hired or fired the people as it became necessary to meet the needs of the company. I incorporated the company and needed help with all corporate minutia, thus Ken. I call the meetings, I pay the bills and balance the budget, I cleaned the office and much more. When I went down in 2005, as hard as I tried working from home and my bed with a laptop and log-me-in, I was not always aware and cognizant enough to meet all that was necessary. I was barely keeping up with day to day business. And, I failed to realize that we had misplaced our master calendar and forgot the maintenance fees on the patents that I had worked so hard to get. And, when the master calendar was found in Ken's files & desk, a few months after his death, I wanted to blame him but the truth is he was never hired for or given that job. And, now I can look back and see how I expected and hoped for someone, anyone, to cover me, my husband, Phil, my COO, Ken, or my secretary Pam, anyone? I realize that they had plenty on their plates and like I said "the buck stops here". They did not have access to all that I carried and it was ultimately my responsibility. So disregard all others and just focus on me. Even now I carry way too much and if I go down again much will be lost. I am trying to disburse and let go, but this idea to help the infant's outcome and do better than the big companies was "my baby" and I still have that goal.